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SUBJECT: COMMON FRONT CALLS ONE WEEK MORATORIUM ON PRESSURE
TACTICS

REF: QUEBEC 103 AND PREVIOUS

1. COMMON FRONT LEADERS HELD PRESS CONFERENCE THIS AFTERNOON TO ANNOUNCE SEVEN DAY MORATORIUM ON ALL "PRESSURE TACTICS." 547:3, WHICH GOES INTO EFFECT IMMEDIATELY, WAS CALLED IN ORDER TO "REMOVE LAST PRETEXT REMAINING TO CAMOUFLAGE GOVT INTRANSIGENCE BLOCKING RESOLUTION OF PRESENT CONFLICT." MONATORIUM ON STRIKES AND OTHER HARASSMENT TACTICS BY UNIONS WILL LAST UNTIL MAY 15, WHEN FRONT WILL REASSESS STRATEGY. HOWEVER, FRONT LEADERS INDICATED IN QUESTIONING BY REPORTERS THAT THERE MAY BE A REEVALUATION OF TACTICS IF GOVT MAKES NO CONCESSIONS BEFORE MAY 12.

2. FRONT LEADERS REFUSED TO ADMIT TO WEAKENING OF FRONT SOLIDARITY IN SPITE OF DISSIDENCE EXHIBITED IN LAST SEVERAL DAYS. STRIKE ACTION TODAY WAS LIMITED TO MEMBERS OF CNTU, CEQ LEADERSHIP HAVING BEEN FORCED TO PROMISE MEMBERS NOT TO HOLD ANY MORE STRIKES THIS WEEK. CNTU STRIKE INVOLVED PRIVATE SECTOR FOR FIRST TIME. HOWEVER, JOINING OF WORKERS FROM PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS IN MASS STRIKE ACTION FAILED TO MATERIALIZE, CONTRARY TO HOPES OF SOME RADICAL UNION LEADERS.

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